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REGULATIONS

OF THE

Defence Lodge, No. 1221,

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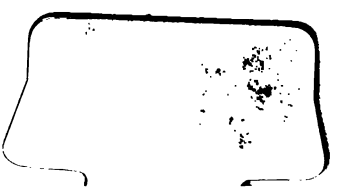

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Master, the said Louis Edward Franks to be the first Senior Warden, and the said William Ward to be the first Junior Warden for opening and holding the said Lodge, and until such time as another master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge, and who must previously have duly served as Warden in a Warranted Lodge shall be installed in Ancient Form, and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may hereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. And we do require you the said Wm. Child, to take special care that all and every, the said brethren are, or have been regularly made Masons, and that you, and they, and all others the Members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep the Laws, Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge, or transmitted by us or our Successors, Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such Bye-Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such Bye-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, and you are in nowise to omit to send to us, or our Successors Grand Masters, or to The Right Honourable George Frederick Samuel Earl-de-Grey, and Earl of Ripon, of Studley Royal, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, &c., &c., &c. Our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year, a list of the Members of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein, and brethren who shall have joined the same with the fees and monies payable therein.

It being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Constitution shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge. And you the said William Child, are further required as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by Virtue of these Presents.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge at London, this 25th April, A.L. 5868, A.D. 1868

By Command of the M.W.. Grand Master,

(Signed,) DE-GREY & RIPON, D.G.M.

(Countersigned) Wm. Gray Clarke, G.S.

L. S.

(Signed), ZETLAND, G.M,

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

We, THOMAS DUNDAS, Earl of Zetland, BARON DUNDAS of Aske, in the County of York, Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the North Riding of Yorkshire, Knight of the most Ancient and most Noble Order of the Thistle, &c., &c.

Grand Master,

of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

Send Greeting. Know Ye, that we by the authority and under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England Vested in us for that purpose, and at the humble petition of our right trusty and well beloved brethren William Child, Louis Edward Franks, William Ward, William Magson Nelson, Edward Woodward, Dennis Lee, and Edward Longbottom, do hereby constitute the said brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the title or denomination of

The Defence Lodge.

NO. 1221.

The said lodge to meet at the rooms of the Second West York Engineer Volunteers, at Grove House, Leeds, Yorkshire, on the Second Monday of every Month, empowering them in the said Lodge, when duly congregated, to make, pass, and raise Freemasons according to the Ancient Custom of the Craft in all ages and throughout the known world; and further at their said petition, and of the great trust and confidence We do reppoint the said William Child to be the first

BYE-LAWS

AND

REGULATIONS

OF THE

Defence Lodge, No. 1221,

OF

ANCIENT, FREE, AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

LEEDS.

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BYE-LAWS & REGULATIONS

OF THE

DEFENCE LODGE

1221.

PREVIOUS BYE-LAWS VOID.

1.—All Bye-Laws heretofore made by the authority of this Lodge are hereby annulled and made void.

LODGE MEETINGS.

2.—The Members of this Lodge shall assemble on the second Monday of every month, at seven o'clock in the evening, (or at such other hour as the Worshipful Master may appoint), at the Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds. *Time and Place.*

LODGES OF EMERGENCY.

3.—A Lodge of Emergency may be called by the authority of the Worshipful Master, or in his absence, of the Senior Warden, or in their absence, of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. When a Lodge of Emergency is to be called in compliance with the request of any Brother, such Brother shall pay to the Lodge Funds through the Secretary, the sum of Ten Shillings prior to the issue of the summons for such Lodge. The Worshipful Master may, however, in the exercise of his prerogative, summons a Lodge of Emergency at his own will and pleasure, or for the general welfare of the Brethren, without such fee being required. *Authority for Calling.* *Fee.*

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

4.—The Secretary shall, under the direction of the Worshipful Master, issue the Notices of Meetings to all the members of this Lodge at least three clear days previous to each regular Lodge.

OFFICERS.

5.—The Officers of this Lodge shall consist of the Worshipful Master, Immediate Past Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior and Junior Deacons, Inner Guard and Tyler. A Chaplain, Director of Ceremonies, Organist, and Stewards may be appointed.

ELECTION OF WORSHIPFUL MASTER, TREASURER, and OFFICERS.

6.—The Worshipful Master and Treasurer shall be elected annually by ballot by the members present at the regular Lodge Meeting in November, the Secretary having first read out the names of those eligible for the chair of Worshipful Master. At the next regular Lodge Meeting after the confirmation of the minutes as to his election, the Master shall be installed according to antient custom, and shall then appoint the officers for the year except the Treasurer and Tyler, (who shall be elected and chosen as herein provided), and shall invest all the officers for the year. No member shall be allowed to vote who is in arrear with his subscription.

Tyler.

THE TYLER shall be chosen by the Brethren present at the regular Lodge meeting in November, by show of hands, or by ballot if the Master sees fit, or as often as there shall be occasion, and shall be continued in office only during his good behaviour and the pleasure of the Brethren. He shall receive such remuneration as the Lodge may from time to time determine.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

W.M. to certify payments.

7.—The Treasurer shall receive and pay all monies due to or from the Lodge after the accounts for payment have been duly certified by the Worshipful Master, without whose authority he shall not make *any disbursements*. He shall also keep proper *Books of Account* (see Article 15, page 66, Book of *Constitutions*, Edition 1865.)

DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

8.—The Secretary shall issue all Summonses and Circulars to Members of the Lodge.

Members' Addresses.

Each Member shall furnish the Secretary with his correct address from time to time, and all notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered at such address, or sent thereto by post.

Minutes.

The Secretary shall make minutes of the proceedings of every Lodge, and enter a clear copy of the same in a book kept for that purpose, and such minutes shall be read over for confirmation immediately after the opening of each Lodge, and if accepted by the Lodge as correct, then signed by the Worshipful Master.

Register of Members.

The Secretary shall also keep a Register in which shall be entered in seniority, according to the date of initiation or joining, the names of the members of the Lodge, with the correct dates of their admission or initiation, passing and raising, together with their ages, titles, occupations, and places of residence.

Returns.

He shall also make out in due time all returns required to be furnished to the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, and conduct all such correspondence relating to the Lodge as may be required by the Worshipful Master or ruling officer for the time being.

Correspondence, &c.

He shall keep a copy of all correspondence relating to Lodge matters, and file a copy of each Lodge summons or circular, and also file all letters and documents sent or delivered to him on behalf of the Lodge, after having communicated the same to the Lodge, and in the circular convening the first regular Lodge in January or July, he shall inform the members that their contributions are due, and state the amount of arrears, if any.

Notice of arrears of Subscription.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Amount.

(*a*) 9.—EVERY MEMBER of this Lodge shall pay the sum of Two Pounds and Two Shillings per annum by half-yearly instalments of One Pound and One Shilling on the regular Lodge Meetings of January and July, which sum shall include all fees to Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge. All subscriptions are due in advance.

Members in arrear.

(*b*) IF ON THE regular Lodge Meetings in December or in June any member be in arrear two half-yearly instalments, a Special Notice shall be sent to him by the Secretary and a memorandum kept thereof, and should such arrears not be paid on or before the next regular Lodge ensuing, the name of such member so neglecting, shall be brought before the Lodge, and unless the Lodge shall by resolution otherwise order, struck off the Lodge Register and he shall cease to be a member. He shall not again become a member of this Lodge until he shall have paid up all arrears due from him, been proposed and balloted for, paid the usual fees, and in all other respects fulfilled the conditions required and provided for as to joining members under Bye-Law No. 10.

Members residing at a distance.

(*c*) ANY MEMBER WHOSE abode and place of business is at a distance exceeding twenty miles from the Lodge premises, and has no abode or place of business within that distance, shall be allowed membership in this Lodge by payment of the reduced subscription of One Pound and One Shilling annually, which shall be due and payable on the regular Lodge Meeting in January in every year. If on the regular Lodge Meeting in December in any year, such member be in arrear with his subscription, notice of the same shall be sent to him, directed to his last recorded postal address, and failing payment before the next ensuing regular Lodge night, he shall be dealt with as provided for defaulting members by this Bye-Law.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Age and qualification.

(*a*) 10.—NO PERSON IS eligible to become a member of this Lodge under the age of twenty-one years, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master or Provincial Grand Master, and is of full mental capacity, and having some visible way of acquiring an honest and respectable livelihood as becomes the members of this most antient and honorable fraternity.

Proposition Notice and Fee.

(*b*) EVERY CANDIDATE FOR admission into Masonry in this Lodge shall be proposed and seconded in open Lodge. His name, age, description or condition, and residence shall be delivered in writing to the Worshipful Master at least ten days before the regular Lodge Meeting at which such proposition is intended to be made, and due notice of the said proposition

shall appear in the summons for such regular Lodge meeting.

The proposition shall only be received after payment to the Secretary of the sum of One Guinea as proposition fee.

(*c*) IF UPON THE ballot being taken there shall be two negative balls, the Candidate shall not be admitted and his proposition fee shall be returned, but should no more than one negative ball appear, the Candidate may be admitted at that or a subsequent regular Lodge, after paying the further sum of Five Guineas. *Negatives required to reject.*

These fees amounting together to the sum of Six Guineas, shall free him from any contributions to the Lodge Funds for the current half-year, and include the fee for his Grand Lodge Certificate and a copy of the Book of Constitutions, and also the fees payable to the Provincial Grand Lodge. *Total Initiation fees.*

Any Candidate neglecting to present himself for initiation for three succeeding regular Lodges, after having been accepted by ballot, or declining to be initiated, shall forfeit his proposition fee, unless the Lodge, upon satisfactory cause being shewn shall determine to extend further indulgence.

(*d*) IN CASE OF emergency, the following deviations to be allowed; any two members of the Lodge may transmit in writing to the Worshipful Master, the name, address, age and description of any Candidate whom they may wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency, and the Worshipful Master, if approving of such application shall notify the same to every member of the Lodge, either in the summons for the next regular Lodge, or in a summons for a Lodge of Emergency to meet at a period of not less than seven days from the issuing of the summons, for the purpose of balloting for the Candidate, and if the Candidate be then approved he may be initiated into the first degree. No Candidate shall be allowed to take the second degree until one clear month after his initiation, nor the third degree until one clear month after passing the second degree. *Initiation by Emergency Lodge.*

(*e*) IF THE CANDIDATE reside in or near any other town or place where a Lodge is established, the Worshipful Master of this Lodge shall make inquiry in writing of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge *nearest* the place where such Candidate resides, *Inquiry as to Candidate from distar*

touching his fitness for initiation into Masonry. and whether he has been previously proposed and rejected, and no Candidate shall be balloted for until such inquiry be made and the reply received, both of which shall be read in open Lodge immediately before the ballot is taken.

Joining member's proposition fees, &c.

(*f*) ANY BROTHER OF another Lodge, or other member of the Craft, being a registered Mason, on the payment of Two Guineas (which shall include contributions for current half-year,) may be admitted a member of this Lodge by being proposed and balloted for in the same manner as a Candidate for Masonry; in the notices for which ballot the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he was initiated, as also the names of his present proposer and seconder shall be inserted, and he shall be required to produce prior to the ballot, his Grand Lodge Certificate.

In the event of a joining member not being registered in the Grand Lodge of England, he shall in addition to the joining fee, pay the sum of seventeen shillings and sixpence for his Grand Lodge Certificate.

(*g*) IF ANY CANDIDATE or proposed joining member is rejected, he shall not be considered eligible for proposition again until after the expiration of six calendar months.

After the members have voted, the Worshipful Master shall, on examining the ballot box, simply announce that the candidate is, or is not, duly elected as the case may be.

Election or otherwise of candidates and joining brethren.

Should the Worshipful Master have good reason to apprehend that an error has been inadvertently committed, he shall have the sole power to order the ballot to be taken a second time, but not oftener.

The proposer and seconder of a Candidate shall in all cases be held responsible for all fees payable, and also for qualifying him for examination in open Lodge preparatory to his being passed or raised. Either the proposer or seconder should be present at the time the ballot is taken.

(*h*) ANY BROTHER INITIATED in another regular Lodge, on producing satisfactory proof thereof, may be *passed or raised* on payment of one pound for each *degree, exclusive of* the Registration fee and Grand *Lodge Certificate*, if any be required.

No Brother shall be permitted to join this Lodge or receive degrees, while in arrears in any other Lodge, nor while under Masonic censure.

BALLOTING AND VOTING.

11.—Whenever it may happen that the number of votes, upon any question to be decided by ballot or otherwise, shall be equal, the Worshipful Master or presiding officer shall be entitled to give a second or casting vote, or to order a fresh vote to be taken at his discretion, but he shall not be entitled to give a casting vote on a ballot for a Candidate for initiation, or for a Brother to join. *Casting vote.*

All questions shall be determined by a majority of members present by show of hands, except where a ballot is required by the Book of Constitutions, or by these Bye-Laws, or unless the Worshipful Master or the proposer call for a ballot. *Mode of voting.*

When any question shall have been determined by the Lodge and confirmed, the same shall not be again agitated within twelve months, unless a majority of subscribing members sign a Requisition for that purpose.

No member shall be qualified to vote on any question, who is six months in arrear with his subscription. *Disqualification.*

DEBATES.

12.—No motion shall be discussed without having been regularly proposed and seconded in open Lodge. When a member has a proposition to make, he must rise, and with due respect address himself to the Chair, in which he is not to be interrupted unless he be wandering from the subject, when he shall be called to order by the Worshipful Master, after which he may again proceed. Should more than one Brother rise at the same time, the Master shall declare which shall be heard first. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject unless to reply or in explanation by leave of the Worshipful Master, and not longer than ten minutes on any occasion.

No Brother shall under any pretence whatever, be allowed to enter into any religious or political discussion whilst Brethren are assembled as Freemasons *either in* the Lodge or the premises occupied *therewith*, or at any Masonic Festival.

VISITORS.

Caution as to admission &c.

13.—No Brother shall be permitted to visit the Lodge until after due examination and the production of his Grand Lodge Certificate (and if not a contributing member of a Lodge, a certificate shewing that he retired in good standing from the Lodge in which he was last a member), unless he be personally known to, recommended and well vouched for by some member of the Lodge. He shall conform to the Bye-Laws of this Lodge, and shall not vote on any occasion. He shall not deliver any opinion nor interfere with any business without the special request and permission of the Worshipful Master. No subject of importance affecting this Lodge in particular, shall be discussed in the presence of visiting Brethren, therefore, previous to such discussion all such Brethren shall be politely requested to withdraw, unless the Worshipful Master consider it desirable in the interest of the Lodge that one or more of such Brethren remain. No visiting Brother shall join the Banquet unless invited by or with the consent of the Worshipful Master.

BEHAVIOUR.

Respect to the Chair.

14.—Every Brother shall enter the Lodge with that consistent deportment inculcated by the principles of Freemasonry and the usages of society. When the Lodge is duly opened, no Brother shall leave the room without the consent of the Worshipful Master or presiding officer. No Brother shall address the Worshipful Master in the Lodge by any other name than "Worshipful Master," or "Worshipful Sir," nor any Brother otherwise than according to his degree in the craft.

Comment on adverse ballot lissallowed.

If upon a ballot for a Candidate or proposed joining Member such Candidate or proposed joining Member be rejected, no Brother shall be allowed to make any observations whatever on the subject. Nor shall it be lawful for any Brother to attempt to discover by any means, (or to divulge if known) what Brother or Brethren opposed the election or caused such rejection.

In order to encourage a free and candid discussion of every proposition brought before the Lodge; no *Member shall divulge*, allude to, or hint at, (out of *the Lodge to any one not a Member thereof*) the *subject or object of any discussion which may have taken place in it.*

Any Member offending against this Bye-Law shall be liable (on proof being adduced to the satisfaction of the Members present on any subsequent Lodge Meeting) to be reprimanded, suspended, or excluded, and if excluded such exclusion shall be reported to Grand Lodge, and Provincial Grand Lodge, and if a Visitor he shall not be allowed again to visit the Lodge or be proposed a Member thereof without a special resolution of the Lodge.

Lodge affairs not to be divulged.

CHARITY.

15—Before giving indigent Travelling Brethren relief privately, Members are requested to make enquiries of the Almoner appointed by the Lodge, as to the merits of the case; this will have a tendency to prevent imposition by undeserving Brethren more especially upon newly initiated members.

Caution as to itinerant imposters.

RESIGNATIONS.

16—Any Brother wishing to withdraw, shall tender his resignation in open Lodge, or send an intimation thereof to the Secretary in writing, when he shall *de facto* cease to be a Member of this Lodge. But it at the time of his resignation such Member be in arrear with his subscriptions, a Minute thereof shall be entered in the Lodge Minute Book, and the Secretary required to write to such Member demanding payment of such arrears. If the said arrears be not paid on or before the close of the current year, a record thereof shall be entered against his name upon the Lodge Register, and he shall be subject in all other respects to the provisions laid down in Bye-Law No. 10 as to defaulting Members.

Resignation whilst "in arrear."

Resignation "in good standing."

Any Member of this Lodge having paid his dues and being of good standing, shall on resignation be granted the following certificate by the Lodge.

"These are to certify that Brother
"of who has written his name
"in the margin hereof, this day retired in good
"standing from the Membership of the Defence
"Lodge, No. 1221 on the Registry of the Grand
"Lodge of England, holden in the Borough of
"Leeds, in the County of York; and that his
"dues have been fully paid. In testimony

Certificate to be given

"whereof we have signed our names, and affix-
"ed the seal of this Lodge, this
"day of .

"W.M.
"*Secretary.*"

FURNITURE and PROPERTY OF THE LODGE.

17.—The Jewels, Furniture and all other effects of the Lodge, shall be deemed the property of the Worshipful Master and Wardens for the time being in trust for the use and benefit of the members generally, (excepting those Members in arrear.) An Inventory of them shall be made in the Minute Book, and they shall be examined and compared with that Inventory, by the retiring principal officers, and checked by the succeeding Master and Wardens after the installation has taken place.

Legal custodians.

No Member shall take away any jewel or other property belonging to the Lodge, without the consent of the Worshipful Master, a Minute of which shall be made by the Secretary; and if any such jewel or other property be not returned within one calendar month, the Member offending shall forfeit the sum of Two shillings and Sixpence; and if not returned within two calendar months, and after application made for the same, such Member shall pay to the Lodge the full value thereof, the value to be assessed by the Worshipful Master. All fines and forfeits to be paid immediately to the Secretary.

Lodge property not to be removed.

DISSOLUTION OF LODGE.

18.—This Lodge shall never be broken up so long as three subscribing Members agree to continue it; and all the cash, jewels, furniture, books and other property thereunto belonging shall become the absolute property of such continuing Members.

EXCLUSION OF BRETHREN.

19.—Any Member conducting himself improperly or unmasonically, shall be duly admonished by the Worshipful Master, and shall then be liable to censure, fine, suspension or exclusion, as may be deemed expedient by a majority of the Brethren present. In case of proposition for exclusion, the vote for such exclusion shall be taken by ballot.

Membership of this Lodge shall be forfeited *ipso facto on any Member* being convicted of felony or *misdemeanour.*

Such exclusion is to be reported to Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

20—Any Brother of eminence and ability or who has rendered some valuable service to the craft, or this Lodge in particular, may be elected an Honorary Member provided the proposition be made as for joining Members and the ballot be unanimous.

Certificates of such election may be issued, signed by the Worshipful Master and Wardens for the time being.

LODGE ACCOUNTS and FUNDS.

21.—No question affecting the funds of the Lodge shall be decided, unless five or more Subscribing Members of the Lodge are present; nor any sum voted above five pounds, unless notice has been given at the regular Lodge immediately preceding the meeting at which the vote is to be taken, particulars having been inserted in the summons accordingly.

Between the regular Lodge Meetings in December and January in each year, the Treasurer and Secretary shall balance their books and produce them and their accounts and vouchers (which must previously have been audited by the Committee of Management) for the inspection of the Members present at the Lodge Meeting in January; that every Member may see the state of the Lodge accounts, and should it appear that the Lodge expenditure has exceeded the income, the Worshipful Master shall as early as practicable cause the Members to be equally assessed for the amount deficient, such assessment to be confirmed by a majority of the Brethren present. The Secretary shall then send notice in writing of such assessment to every member of the Lodge, and any member who shall neglect or refuse for the space of three calender months to pay such assessment shall, unless he adduce a reason for such non-payment satisfactory to the Lodge; be excluded from all participation in the capital and effects of the Lodge, and shall not again be admitted a Member, except on paying such assessment, passing the ballot and paying the fees as required in the case of joining Members under Bye-Law No. 10.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

22.—The Worshipful Master, subscribing Past-Masters, the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Treasurer, and the Secretary, shall constitute the Committee of Management, and any three of whom shall form a quorum, for the purpose of taking cognizance of, arranging or investigating all such matters as shall be referred to such Committee by the Worshipful Master or Brethren in Lodge assembled. The Committee shall make Minutes of the proceedings at all their Meetings and enter the same in a book, to be kept for that purpose, and such Minutes shall be signed by the presiding Member at such Meeting and submitted to the Lodge for confirmation.

The Worshipful Master is *ex-officio* Chairman of all Committees.

BYE LAWS.

23,—These Bye-Laws shall be written in a book to be provided by the Lodge for that purpose and every Member shall subscribe his name thereto as a pledge of his agreeing to conform to them, and to the laws of the Grand Lodge, and Provincial Grand Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to see the same so signed, and duly to preserve the book along with the other documents and muniments of the Lodge, and a printed copy of such Bye-Laws shall be given to every Brother initiated in or who may join this Lodge.

Should it be found necessary to amend, alter or rescind these Bye-Laws, or wholly, or in part, to make new ones; such amendments, alterations, recisions, or new Bye-Laws shall be proposed in open Lodge, and inserted in the summons for the next regular Lodge, and shall be then and there dealt with as a majority of the Members present may determine.

TABLE OF FEES.

	£	s.	d.
Proposition Fee (Bye-Law No. 10.)	1	1	0
Initiation Fee („ „ „)	5	5	0
Joining Member („ „ „)	2	2	0
Joining Member (extra if not holding Grand Lodge Certificate.)		17	6
Annual Subscription (payable in half yearly instalments 1st January and 1st July.)	2	2	0
Do. Members residing *beyond 20 miles.* (payable 1st Jan.,) *see Bye-Law 10.*	1	1	0

I, THOMAS WILLIAM TEW, J.P., *Deputy Provincial Grand Master, acting under the Patent and Authority of* LIEUTENANT-COLONEL SIR HENRY EDWARDS, BARONET D.L., *Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of West Yorkshire, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby certify my approval of the before written Bye-Laws, numbered* 1 *to* 23 *and written on pages numbered* 1 *to* 20.

Given at the Grange, Carlton, Pontefract, this second day of October, A.L. 5878, *A.D.* 1878.

THOMAS W. TEW,

Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

JNO. C. MALCOLM, Prov. G. Registrar.

HENRY SMITH, Prov. G. Secretary.

ANNALS.

Lodge Warrant dated April 25th, 1868.

1868 December 1st. Lodge consecrated at the Head Quarters of the Leeds Volunteer Engineer Corps Grove House, Claypit Lane, Leeds, by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master the Right Honourable Earl de Grey and Ripon, D.G.M., and the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Brother Bentley Shaw, in the presence of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, and an assemblage of other brethren.

Brother William Child having been duly installed by the R.W.P.G.M., assisted by Brother S. W. Newsam, P.M., 304, P. Pro. G. Supt. Works, the following brethren were appointed and invested as his Officers: W. M. Nelson as I.P.M., L. E. Franks, S.W., W. Ward, J.W., E. Longbottom, Sec., R. W. Moore, S.D., J. B. Cornock, J.D., E. Woodward, I.G., John Douglas, Organist, Joseph Morant, Tyler.

—— Dec. 14th. Vote of thanks to Mrs. Child for presentation towards furniture of the Lodge Room.

—— Vote of thanks to Brother J. B. Heeles for presentation of copy of Holy Bible to the Lodge.

1869 Jan. 11th. First candidates initiated.

—— Dec. 13th. Brother L. E. Franks installed as W.M.

1870 April 11th. Vote of condolence to the Widow of the late Brother R. R. Nelson, Prov. G. Sec.

—— Dec. 12th. Brother R. W. Moore installed as W.M.

1871 Jan. 9th. Balance Sheet produced shewing *the financial position* of the Lodge, also the *account of expenses* incurred in furnishing and *fitting up the* Lodge Room.

—— February 13th. Remuneration of Tyler fixed. Rules of the 'Leeds Masonic Relief Committee' adopted and entered in Lodge Minute Book.

—— May 8th. Paper read by Brother Walter Smith, on "Symbolism in Art & Architecture"

—— Dec. 11th. Brother R. W. Moore re-installed as W.M.

1872 Oct. 28th. Vote of thanks to Brother R. W. Moore, P.M., W.M., for subscription to P.G.L. Funds.

—— Nov. 11th. "Resolved that this Lodge shall "in future hold its meetings in the Rooms "about to be opened by the Fidelity Lodge, "289, on Carlton Hill, Leeds."

—— Dec. 9th. First Meeting of this Lodge in the Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.

—— Brother J. P. Hodgson installed as W.M.

—— Brother J. Denton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., elected Honorary Member.

1873 May 12th. Brother W. Watson (W.M., 289), elected Honorary Member, in recognition of valuable services rendered to the Lodge.

—— November 10th. Address on Freemasonry by Brother W. M. Nelson, P.M.

—— Dec. 8th. Bro. A. Britton installed as W.M.

—— Vote of condolence to Brother Bentley Shaw, W.D.P.G.M., on the death of his eldest son.

1874 Dec. 14th. Brother Thomas H. Good installed as W.M.

—— Brother A. Britton, P.M., presented with a P.M.'s Jewel.

1875 January. Lodge Banner purchased.

—— Feb. 8th. Vote of Ten Guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

—— Nov. 8th. Visit of Brothers Tew, W.D.P.G.M., Henry Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., and other distinguished brethren.

—— Vote of £4 10 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

—— Vote of thanks to Brother W. Watson, P.M., Hon. Mem., for gift of elaborately bound copy of "Spencer's Reprints of Constitutions, 1722, 1723, 1726, and 1730."

—— Dec. 13th. Bro. W. Glover installed as W.M.

1876 Aug. 14th. Brothers R. W. Moore, P.M., and T. H. Good, P.M., each presented with a P.M. Jewel.

—— November 13th. Grant of Five Pounds to the Widow of a deceased brother.

—— Dec. 11th. Brother T. W. A. Downs installed as W.M.

1877 April 9th. Announcement of the appointment of Brother W. Glover, P. M., Defence Lodge, 1221, as Provincial Grand Organist.

—— May 14th. Brother W. Glover, P.M., P.G.O. presented by the Lodge with a P.M. Jewel.

—— June 11th. Petition to the Grand Lodge with regard to the proceedings of certain German Lodges.

—— September 10th. Vote of Ten Guineas to the "Indian Famine Relief Fund."

—— Nov. 12th. Visit of the W.D.P.G.M., Brother Tew, Brother H. Smith, P.M., Pro. G. Sec. and other distinguished brethren.

—— Vote of thanks to the W.D.P.G.M. for valuable and interesting address and lecture, on "THE FIRST DEGREE OF FREEMASONRY."

—— Dec. 10th. Brother J. B. Britton installed as W.M.

1878 July 8th. Vote of thanks to Lady Lowther for presentation of copies of the Masonic Magazine, &c., per Brother J. T. Pollard, J.W.

—— August 12th. Vote of Five Pounds to the "Bentley Shaw" Testimonial Fund.

—— Dec. 9th. Installation of Bro. Beevers as W.M

—— *Presentation of* P.M. Jewel to Brother T. W. *A. Downs, P.M.*

CHARITIES.

The attention and support of the Brethren are earnestly called towards the Charitable Institutions of the Order.

In the following is a brief summary of the privileges conferred on subscribers and donors. Further particulars can be obtained from the W.M. or the Treasurer of the Lodge, who will have great pleasure in receiving subscriptions and donations, and forwarding the same to the proper destination.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

For aged Freemasons & for Widows of Freemasons. Instituted, 1842.

QUALIFICATIONS.

FOR EVERY FIVE SHILLINGS PER ANNUM.—One Vote at each Election during the year.

A Lodge or Chapter subscribing One Guinea per annum, Four Votes.

FIVE GUINEAS to either Fund —Life Governor with Two Votes for life at every Election for such Fund.

TEN GUINEAS to either fund (Five Guineas to each) given during serving Stewardship, confers Six Votes for life.

FIFTY GUINEAS (in one or more payments if not less than Five Guineas each), to either fund or divided at pleasure, Vice-President with Twenty Votes.

ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS.—Vice-Patron with Sixty Votes.

Additional privileges on serving second Stewardship.

Ladies subscribing or collecting purses of £5 become Life Governors and have Four Votes.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

Founded 1798.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,

Founded 1788.

QUALIFICATIONS OF DONORS,
to Boys' or to Girls' Schools.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION OF ONE GUINEA confers One Vote for all Elections during the year.

A Lodge or individual subscribing One Guinea or upwards for ten consecutive years, shall have Two Votes instead of One for every Guinea thereafter subscribed.

FIVE GUINEAS DONATION.—Life Subscriber with One Vote at all elections.

FIVE GUINEAS (second Donation), constitutes a Life Governor with Two Votes.

TEN GUINEAS.—Life Governor with Two Votes.

The fee to the Steward's Fund (say £2 2s.) payable when serving the office of Steward at the Anniversary Festivals gives an additional Vote (for life) when Ten Guineas or upwards is contributed; and the like fee, payable on serving a second or any subsequent stewardship, with the like payment of Ten Guineas, entitles the Donor to Two additional Votes for every subsequent Stewardship.

FIFTY GUINEAS (in one payment or in sums of not less than Five Guineas each) a Vice-President for life with Ten Votes, and for every subsequent donation of Five Guineas, Two Votes in addition.

ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS (in one payment or in sums of not less than Five Guineas each) a Vice-Patron for Life with Thirty Votes.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION OF ONE GUINEA.—One Vote at each election during the year.

TEN GUINEAS in one or two payments.—One Vote in perpetuity, as "Life Subscriber."

TWENTY GUINEAS in not more than four payments, *Two Votes* in perpetuity, as "Life Governor."

ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS in instalments of not less than *Five* Guineas each, Ten Votes in perpetuity

as "Vice-President," or Two Hundred Guineas on same conditions, Thirty Votes as "Vice-Patron."

A Lady or a Lewis being a Minor, shall be a Life Governor on payment of Five Guineas, with Two Votes for every Five Guineas contributed.

A Lady Contributing Twenty-five Guineas in one or more payments of not less than Five Guineas each, shall be a Vice-President with Ten Votes at each election; or a Vice-Patron on payment of Fifty Guineas (on same conditions), with Thirty Votes at each election.

Brethren serving as Steward or qualifying as Vice-President or Vice-Patron, have the privilege of wearing a distinctive badge or 'Jewel,' at Masonic Meetings.

ROLL OF MEMBERS FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE LODGE.

—	Wm. Magson Nelson, P.M.	1868.
W M	William Child, P.M.	,,
S W	Louis Edwd. Franks, P.M.	,,
J W	William Ward, P.W.	,,
—	Dennis Lee	,,
—	Edward Longbottom	,,
	Richard William Moore, P.M.	,,
	Thomas Bruce Cornock	,,
—	Edward Woodward	,,
	John Douglas	,,
	Joseph Morant, *Tyler*	,
	Robert Addyman, P.M.	,,
	J. J. Ellis	1869.
	Benjamin Bailey	,,
	Jno. Brown Heeles, P.W.	,,
	John Copley, P.M,	,,
	*Jas. Henderson (first initiation)	,,
	*Robert Longley	,,
	*Thomas W. Embleton	,,
	*John Hudson	,,
	*William Middleton	,,
	*J. R. Asquith	,,
	*Thos. P. Addyman, P.W.	,,
	*John Nunneley	,,
	George Middlewood	,,
	**H. H.* Sales P.W.	,,
	**John* McArthur	,,

E. A. Powolny P.M.	,,
W. Wheater, P.W.	,,
E. Cairney, *Tyler*	1870
B. C. Pullan	,,
*H. Marshal	,,
*Walter Smith	,,
*Thomas Anderson	,,
*J. P. Hodgson, P.M.	,,
*A. Britton. P,M.	,,
*W. C. Woodhead	1871.
*T. H. Good P.M.	1872.
J. Denton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., *(Hon. Mem.)*	,,
*Jno. Fairbank	1873.
Wm. Glover, P.M., P.P.G.O.	,,
W. Watson, P.M., *(Hon. Mem.)*	,,
*G. C. Travis	,,
*J. B. Britton P.M.	1874.
*Abrm. Dixon	,,
*E. Hart	,,
*C. H. Addyman	,,
*T. W. A. Downs, P.M.	
*J. T. Pollard, P.W.	,,
E. Freeman,	,,
W. Baxter, Junr.	,,
*C. Beevers, W.M.	,,
*Thomas Brooke	,,
*G. H. Cotton	1875.
*A. B. Cooke	,,
*Jno. Langley	,,
*R. Kingston, J W.	,,
*E. G. Tuckett	,,
*W. Smith	,,

*W. C. Thairlwall	,,
*E. Parker	,,
*J. N. Pickering, S.W.	,,
*J. Levy	,,
*C. H. Wadham	1876.
*Thos. Hall	1877.
*A. Bauer	,,
S. E. Seanor, P.M.	,,
*W. Hall	,,
*B. G. Heald	,,
*J. S. Loe	,,
*J. J. Marsh	1878.
*Thos. English	,,
*Jas. Marston	,,
*S. Ash	,,

Marked thus (*) have been initiated in this Lodge.

The rank indicated is that held by members, at present subscribing *(1879)*, or at the time of their withdrawal from the *Lodge.*

CHARGE AFTER INITIATION INTO THE FIRST DEGREE

BROTHER,——

As you have now passed through the ceremony of your initiation, allow me to congratulate you on being admitted a member of our ancient and honourable Society. Ancient, no doubt it is, as having subsisted from time immemorial; and honourable it must be acknowledged to be, because by a natural tendency, it conduces to make all those honourable who are strictly obedient to its precepts. Indeed, no institution can boast a more solid foundation than that on which Freemasonry rests—*the practice of moral and social virtue;* and to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced, that in every age monarchs themselves have been promoters of the Art; have not thought it derogatory to their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the trowel; have patronized our mysteries, and even joined in our assemblies.

As a Freemason, let me recommend to your most serious contemplation the Volume of the Sacred Law; charging you to consider it as the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the Divine precepts it contains. Therein you will be taught the important duties you owe to God, to your neighbour, and to yourself. *To God*, by never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to his Creator; by imploring His aid on all your lawful undertakings, and by looking up to Him in every emergency, for comfort and support. *To your neighbour*, by acting with him on the square; by rendering him every kind office which justice or mercy may require; by relieving his necessities, and soothing his afflictions, and by doing to him, as in similar cases, you would wish he would do to you. And *to yourself*, by such a prudent and well regulated course of discipline, as may best conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energy; thereby enabling you to exert those talents wherewith God has blest you, as well to His glory as the welfare of your fellow-creatures.

As a citizen of the world, I am to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your *civil* duties, by never proposing, or at all countenancing, any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws of any state which may for a time become the place of your residence, or afford you its protection; and above all by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the Sovereign of your native land; ever remembering that Nature has implanted in your breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment towards that country, whence you derived your birth and infant nurture.

As an individual, let me recommend the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let *Prudence* direct you! *Temperance* chasten you! *Fortitude* support you! and *Justice* be the guide of all your actions. Be especially careful to maintain, in their fullest splendour, those truly Masonic ornaments, which have already been amply illustrated, *Benevolence and Charity*.

Still, however, as a Freemason, there are other excellencies of character to which your attention may be peculiarly and forcibly directed. Among the foremost of these are *Secrecy, Fidelity,* and *Obedience.*

Secrecy may be said to consist in an inviolable adherence to the obligation you have entered into, never improperly to disclose any of those Masonic Secrets which have now been, or may at any future time be, intrusted to your keeping, and cautiously to shun all occasions which might inadvertently lead you so to do.

Your *Fidelity* must be exemplified by a strict observance of the constitutions of the fraternity; by adhering to the ancient land-marks of the order; by never attempting to extort, or otherwise unduly obtain the secrets of a superior degree; and by refraining to recommend any one to a participation of our secrets, unless you have strong grounds to believe that, by a similar fidelity, he will ultimately reflect honour on your choice.

So must your *Obedience* be proved, by a ~~strict observance~~ charge conformity of our laws and regulations; by prompt attention to all signs and summonses; by modest and correct demeanour whilst in the lodge; by abstaining from every topic of political or religious discussion; by a ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions duly passed by the Brethren; and by a perfect submission to the Master and his Wardens, whilst acting in the discharge of their respective offices.

And, as a last general recommendation, let me exhort you to dedicate yourself to such pursuits as may at once enable you to become respectable in your rank in life, useful to mankind, and an ornament to the Society of which you have this day become a member; that you will more especially devote a portion of your leisure hours to the study of such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of your attainment, and that without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station, you will feel yourself called on to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

(From the very commendable attention which you appear to have given to this charge, I am led to hope that you will duly appreciate the excellencies of Freemasonry, and indelibly imprint upon your heart, the sacred dictates of *Truth*, of *Honour*, and of *Virtue.*)

CHARGE AFTER PASSING THE SECOND DEGREE.

Brother———

Being advanced to the Second Degree of the Order, we *congratulate you on* your preferment. (The internal, and not *the external, qualifications* of a man are what Masonry regards.

As you increase in knowledge, you will consequently improve in social intercourse.

It is unnecessary to recapitulate the duties which, as a Mason, you are now bound to discharge; or enlarge on the necessity of a strict adherence to them; as your own experience must have established their value. It may be sufficient to observe that.) Your past behaviour and regular deportment have merited the honour which we have conferred; and in your new character, it is expected that you will not only conform to the principles of the Order, but steadily persevere in the practice of every virtue.

The study of the liberal arts (that valuable branch of education, which tends so effectually to polish and adorn the mind) is earnestly recommended to your consideration; especially the science of Geometry, which is established as the basis of our Art. (Geometry or Masonry, originally synonymous terms, is of a divine and moral nature, and enriched with the most useful knowledge: whilst it proves the wonderful properties of nature, it demonstrates the more important truths of morality.)

As the solemnity of our ceremonies requires a serious deportment, you are to be particularly attentive to your behaviour in our regular assemblies; you are to preserve our ancient usages and customs sacred and inviolable: and induce others, by your example, to hold them in due veneration.

The laws and regulations of the Order you are strenuously to support and maintain. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offences of your brethren: but, in the decision of every trespass against our rules, judge with candour, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with mercy.

As a Craftsman, in our private assemblies you may offer your sentiments and opinions on such subjects as are regularly introduced in the Lecture, under the superintendence of an experienced Master, who will guard the landmarks against encroachment. By this privilege you may improve your intellectual powers; qualify yourself to become a useful member of society; and, like a skilful Brother, strive to excel in what is good and great.

(All regular signs and summonses, given and received, you are duly to honour, and punctually obey; inasmuch as they consist with our professed principles. You are to encourage industry and reward merit; supply the wants and relieve the necessities of brethren and fellows, to the utmost of your power and ability: and on no account to wrong them or see them wronged, but timely to apprise them of approaching danger, and view their interest as inseparable from your own.

Such is the nature of your engagements as a Craftsman; and these duties you are now bound, by the most sacred ties, to observe.)

CHARGE AFTER RAISING TO THE THIRD DEGREE.

BROTHER———

Your zeal for the institution of Freemasonry, the progress which you have made in the art, and your conformity to the general regulations, have pointed you out as a proper object of our favour and esteem.

In the character of a Master Mason, you are henceforth authorized to correct the errors and irregularities of brethren and Fellows, and guard them against a breach of fidelity. To improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society, must be your constant care. With this view, therefore, you are always to recommend to inferiors, obedience and submission; to equals, courtesy and affability; to superiors, kindness and condescension. Universal benevolence you are to inculcate; and by the regularity of your own behaviour, afford the best example for the conduct of others. The ancient landmarks of the Order, which are here intrusted to your care, you are to preserve sacred and inviolable; and never suffer an infringement of our rites, or a deviation from established usage and custom.

Duty, honour, and gratitude now bind you to be faithful to every trust; to support with becoming dignity your new character, and to enforce by example and precept, the tenets of the system. Let no motive, therefore, make you swerve from your duty, violate your vows, or betray your trust; but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that cebrated artist whom you have once represented. By this exemplary conduct you will convince the world that merit has been your title to our privileges; and that on you our favours have not been undeservedly bestowed.